

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: David A. Cook et al.  
Serial No.: 10/661,326  
Filing Date: September 12, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2419  
Confirmation No.: 9358  
Examiner: Brian T. O'Connor  
Title: *System and Method for Verifying the Validity  
of a Path in a Network Environment*

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Commissioner For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009 ("*Office Action*"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.